

LESSONS 13 AND 14

Sports

LESSON 13

Tempus ludendi.
A time for playing.

Key Words		
abject	conglomeration	incur
accelerate	conjecture	interjection
celerity	discourse	precursor
concur	ejaculate	succor

Familiar Word
decelerate

Challenge Words
accelerando
accelerometer

CELER <L. "swift"

1. **accelerate** (ĕk sĕl'ə rāt') [*ac* = *ad* <L. "to"]
tr. and *intr. v.* To cause faster movement; to go faster.

Heat caused the chemical reaction to **accelerate**.

acceleration, *n.*

2. **celerity** (sə lĕr'ə tē)
n. Swiftmess; quickness; speed.

Atalanta, outrunning all but one who challenged her in a footrace, is a mythological example of **celerity**.



Familiar Words

corridor
course
current
cursive
cursor
excursion
intercourse
occur
occurrence
recur
recurrence

Challenge Words

courier
cursory
hussar
recourse

CURRO, CURRERE, CUCURRI,**CURSUM** <L. "to run"**CURSOR, CURSORIS** <L. "runner"

3. **concur** (kən kûr') [*con* = *cum* <L. "with"]
intr. v. 1. To agree; to cooperate.

Conflicts arise when parents do not **concur** on methods of child-rearing.

2. To coincide; to happen simultaneously.

In Shakespeare's plays human violence often **concurs** with storms and earthquakes.

concurrence, *n.*; **concurrent**, *adj.*; **concurrently**, *adv.*

4. **discourse** (dīs'kôrs', dīs kôrs') [*dis* <L. "apart," "in different directions"]
n. 1. Conversation.

Before the advent of movies and television, lively **discourse** was a popular amusement.

2. A formal discussion of a subject in speech or writing.

Published in 1543, Copernicus's **discourse** on the orbit of the sun provided the basis for modern astronomy.

intr. v. To talk; to discuss formally in speech or writing.

Sometimes considered the most learned American woman of the nineteenth century, Margaret Fuller could **discourse** with scholars on both sides of the Atlantic.

5. **incur** (ĭn kûr') [*in* <L. "in"]
tr. v. To meet with; to run into; to bring upon oneself.

The Greek hero Odysseus **incurred** the anger of the giant Polyphemus by poking out his single eye with a burning stick.

incursion, *n.*

6. **precursor** (prĭ kûr'sər, prē'kûr'sər) [*pre* <L. "before"]
n. Forerunner.

The **precursor** of American baseball is the English game of rounders.

precursory, *adj.*



"Oh!" and "Ouch!" are **interjections**.

interject, *v.*

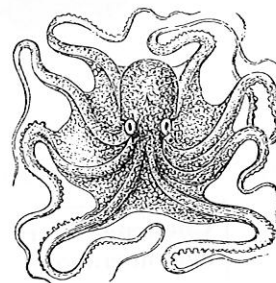
12. **ejaculate** (ĭ jăk'yə lăt') [*e* = *ex* < L. "from," "out of"]
tr. and *intr. v.* 1. To say something suddenly and briefly; to exclaim.

"Stop! That's our supper," we **ejaculated** as the puppy ran off with the pot roast.

2. To eject sharply.

When under attack, octopuses **ejaculate** a dark liquid for protection.

ejaculation, *n.*; **ejaculatory**, *adj.*



NOTA BENE: Although both an *ejaculation* and an *interjection* may refer to sudden speech, the words are not necessarily synonyms. The sentence "Oh! I've lost my wallet!" qualifies as an *ejaculation* in its entirety; the word "*Oh!*" is an *interjection*.